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COMMENTS INVITED ON AT&T COMMUNICATIONS APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Comp. Pol. File No. 645

Comments Due: July 23, 2003

Section 214 Application

Applicant: AT&T Communications

On April 7, 2003, AT&T Communications (AT&T or Applicant), located at 55 Corporate Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission), requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue the provision of its AT&T MultiQuest 900 Services.

The application indicates that AT&T currently provides its MultiQuest 900 Services via dedicated (AT&T MultiQuest Interacter Service) or switched access (AT&T Express900 Service) transport services that permit interactive communications via a 900 number from end user locations in the mainland United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, to a MultiQuest 900 Services customer location. AT&T states that it plans to discontinue providing MultiQuest 900 Services on December 31, 2003. AT&T indicates that it notified its customers of this planned discontinuance of services by letter dated April 7, 2003.

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c), the application will be deemed to be automatically granted on the thirty-first (31st) day after the release date of this notice, unless the Commission has notified the Applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective. In AT&T's notice to its customers, AT&T indicated that it would not discontinue service until December 31, 2003. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c), absent further Commission action, AT&T may not terminate service to the customers affected by this application until December 31, 2003. The Commission will normally authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a “permit but disclose” proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 - 1.1216. Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **July 23, 2003**. Such comments should refer to **Comp. Pol. File No. 645**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. The original and four (4) copies of the comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 6-A207, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-2345, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

The application will be available for review and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail at qualexint@aol.com.

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), cweather@fcc.gov, or Brad Koerner, (202) 418-0866 (voice), bkoerner@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding Section 214 please visit [http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other adjud](http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud).

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